a). Amendments to the Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A water metachromatic laminate comprising:

a support superposingly provided thereon with i) a porous resin layer having a binder resin to which a low-refractive-index pigment stands fixed dispersedly, said porous resin layer being opaque in a water-unabsorbed state and turning transparent in a water-absorbed state and ii) an opaque water- repellent resin layer on or within the porous resin layer, wherein

when no water is applied to said laminate, the entire laminate is opaque, and

when water is applied to said laminate, the porous resin layer absorbs said water and turns transparent except at said portion bearing the water-repellant resin layer.

2. (Previously Presented) The water metachromatic laminate according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the porous resin layer and the water repellent resin layer is an image selected from the group consisting of a letter, an Arabic or Roman numeral, a spot and a line.

3. (Original) The water metachromatic laminate according to claim 1, wherein a first colored layer is provided between the surface of the support and the porous resin layer.

4. (Previously Presented) The water metachromatic laminate according to claim 1, comprising a colored layer provided on the water repellent resin layer.

5. (Previously Presented) The water metachromatic laminate according to claim 4, wherein the colored layer is an image selected from a group consisting of a letter, an Arabic or Roman numeral, a spot and a line.

6. (Previously Presented) The water metachromatic laminate according to claim 1, wherein the low refractive index pigment comprises a fine particle silicic acid and the binder resin is a urethane resin.

7. (Original) The water metachromatic laminate according to claim 1 or 6, wherein the low refractive index pigment comprises a fine particle silicic acid produced by a wet process and is formulated in the porous resin layer in a proportion of from 1 to 30 g/m^2.

8. (Previously Presented) The water metachromatic laminate according to claim 1, wherein the support is a cloth.

9. (Previously Presented) The water metachromatic laminate according to claim 8, wherein the cloth is water repellent.

10. (Previously Presented) A process for producing the water metachromatic laminate according to claim 1, comprising the steps of:

providing a porous resin layer on a support;

printing, coating, spraying, writing or stamping onto a portion of the porous resin layer a solution containing a water repellent resin so as to adhere the solution to the porous resin layer and penetrate thereinto; and

drying the solution to form said water repellent resin layer.